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Jamaica Plain, Mass., April 8, 1899.

My dear Muir:

I have just got your letter with enclosures which I return. I am glad some one has made an impression on Hermann. It shows what oppression will do to these sort of fellows. Sheep-grazing is just as bad in Oregon as it is in California, but Oregon politicians favor it and so the Oregon forests are destroyed. There won't be much progress until this man is out of office, although of course everything helps and you ought to be very gratified with what you have accomplished in California.

I think I had better stay at home this summer and finish my book instead of adopting your suggestion and going to the Yukon. There are probably only about two trees there I want to see and I have learnt a good deal about these in the last few days through one of the members of the Geological Survey of Canada. Gorman of Portland is also in the Klondike. He is a good keen botanist and I have written him for further information. The only things which I think would really tempt me west this summer are the Juniper which grows on the John Day River in Oregon and that Mendocino County Cypress, but I hope to learn something about them without leaving home. I want very much to finish up my book, if I can, this summer and then I shall be ready to look at the rest of the world. All my inclinations are for China and I am

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thinking rather seriously of devoting the rest of my life to Chinese botany.

Let me hear from you again soon.

Faithfully yours,

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